GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – RBKs (Rythu Bharosa Kendralu) – Applying for Sub AUA (Authentication User Agency) under Regulation 15 of Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016 - Notification under Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (Act No.18 of 2016) for the Scheme of **Supply of Seeds to Farmers Scheme** to **provide Subsidized Seeds to actual cultivating farmers** – Revised Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 27 Dated: 04-05-2021.

Read the following:

1. The Circular No.1-1/2019-UIDAI(DBT) dated: 25.11.2019 issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), Government of India.
2. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-35029/47/2020, Dt.20.02.2021.
3. G.O.Ms.No.17, Agriculture & Cooperation (Agri.II) Department dt:12.04.2021.
4. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. No.AGC02-35029/16/2021-RBK, Dt:20.04.2021

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ORDER:

In the G.O.3rd read above, a Notification has been issued to the Scheme **Aadhaar enabled Seed Distribution System** to **distribute the Subsidized Seed to the farmers**. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has stated that the Deputy Director, DBT, UIDAI, New Delhi has suggested some changes in the nomenclature in the Benefit & the beneficiaries and clearly defining the farmers. Hence, he has requested the Government to issue certain amendments/revised orders to the G.O.Ms.No.17, Agriculture & Cooperation (Agri.II) Department, dt.12.04.2021.

2. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter hereby issued the following revised notification to the G.O. 3rd read above.

3. The following Notification shall be published in the Andhra Pradesh State Gazette dated:04.05.2021.

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity;

And whereas, the Agriculture & Cooperation Department (hereinafter referred to as the Department), is administering the "Supply of Seeds to Farmers" Scheme (hereinafter referred to as the scheme) to provide Subsidized Seeds to actual cultivating farmers limited to 2 Ha. An IT enabled system for distribution of seeds has been developed with the technical support of National Informatics Center;

And whereas, under the Scheme, Subsidized Seeds (hereinafter referred to as the benefit) is given for all the actual cultivating farmers across the state limited to 2 Ha (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries), as per the extant Scheme guidelines;

And whereas, the aforesaid Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Andhra Pradesh;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby notifies the following, namely:-

I. (1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

(2) Any individual desirous of availing benefits under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar number or, has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the Scheme provided that he is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act, and such individuals shall visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre (list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

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(3) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and update) Regulations, 2016, the Department, is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves:

Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, benefits under the Scheme shall be given to such individual, subject to the production of the following documents, namely :-

(a) If he has enrolled, his Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; and

(b) Any one of the following documents, namely :-

(i) Bank or Post office passbook with Photo; or

(ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or

(iii) Passport; or

(iv) Ration Card; or

(v) Voter Identity card; or

(vi) MGNREGA card; or

(vii) Kisan Photo passbook; or

(viii) Driving License issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or

(ix) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsildar on an official letter head; or

(x) Any other document as specified by the Department:

Provided further that the above documents may be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

II. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the Department shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the said requirement.

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III. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely:-

(a) in case of poor fingerprint quality, iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department shall make provisions for iris scanners or face authentication along with finger-print authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner;

(b) in case the biometric authentication through fingerprints or iris scan or face authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be offered;

(c) in all other cases where biometric or Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One-Time password authentication is not possible, benefits under the scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the Quick Response (QR) code printed on the Aadhaar letter and the necessary arrangement of QR code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department.

IV. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that no bona fide beneficiary under the Scheme is deprived of his due benefits, the Department with the technical support of NIC shall follow the exception handling mechanism as outlined in the Office memorandum of DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India no. D-26011/04/2017-DBT dated 19th December 2017 (available on https://dbtbharat.gov.in).

V. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

4. The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery (Printing Wing), Vijayawada.
With a request to publish the Notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazzette.
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER